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HOTEL VENDOME

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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~~GENERAL MANAGER~~ MANAGER

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Points of Interest in San José and Vicinity

The great Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton. Round trip, \$4.00 daytime; \$5.00 on Saturday night.

Alum Rock Park, via electric railroad. Take a hot sulphur bath.

The New Almaden Mines (Quicksilver), and interesting drives through the orchards, best seen by a carriage trip.

Stanford University. Round trip, \$1.00.

The Big Trees at Felton. "The biggest and oldest living things in the world at the present time."

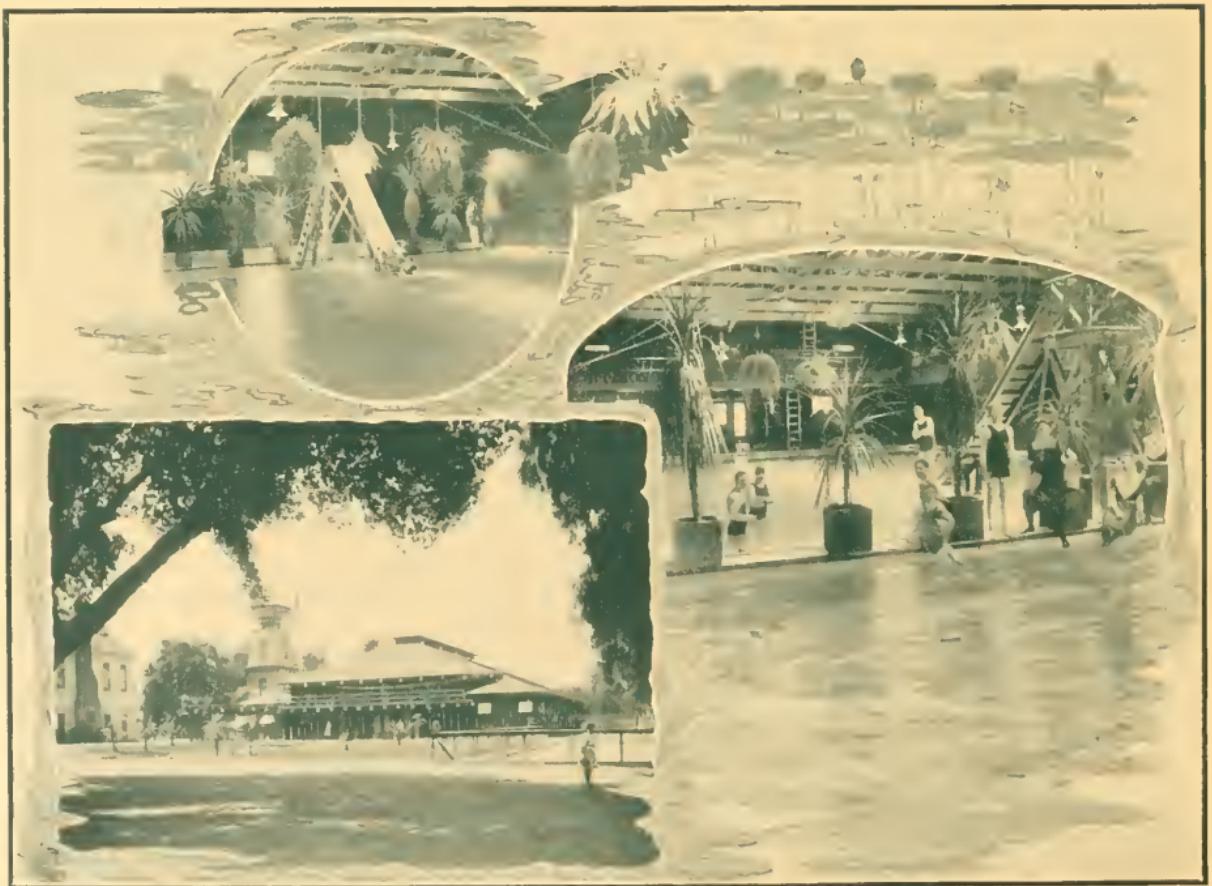
The beautiful twenty-seven mile drive along the foothills to Los Gatos and Congress Springs at Saratoga.

The old Mission of Santa Clara, three and a half miles; one of the best-preserved of the California Missions.

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ter man's residence in San Jose, in the center of the foothills
he wrote Santa Clara Valley of California, a known chief of the nation,
part for the famous New Almaden quicksilver mines. After that came the
transformation of Monterey, and the city became the center of the great wine
growing region of the world. Then upon M. Hamilton, off to the east, was built
the Lick Observatory (where was placed), a transit telescope, the then largest telescope
in the world. Tourists and all people who have come to our San Jose and San
Francisco to view the sky to see the sun and other celestial wonders.

For all these attractions the City of San Jose today, has become a great manufacturing
center, so great the actual monetary value to the traveler is concerned, a fair future of
comfort and safety limited now wherever you go travel more — for here you come.

Because of the attractions named, generally, the high come to see all the
beauty of its surrounding and the excellence of its products, have made it making
its place itself one of the great trading centers of the big state where Nature's
handiwork makes the whole world talk. If it has enough to fill up late eve-



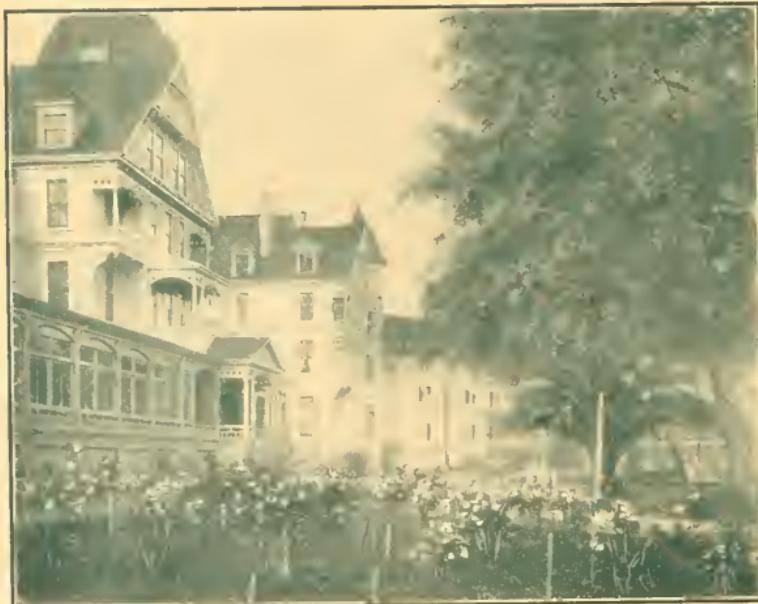
concerning things far away, but the Head Venerable is no longer far away to the great traveling public, and only words that stand the test of time find themselves in gathering the result that continues to many attractions.

Bathing and Bowling

Naturally to the Californian, due to the changeable, changeless, temperature, Head Venerable a place which is a worth while to live and where to an event in our days have numbered to their credit, and the more numerous, more varied and progressive, are keeping pace with the overall progress. One recent — much of the latter being some since the close of the season of 1902 — is the lake, *enormously* enlarged and improved. Here are now all the means of sensible amusement, records and so on. Here is a long building, polished oak, a glass roof, the height of the skylight and the top-lighting of skylight. Close to the hotel is a long, 86 feet wide by 120 feet in length, and 2000 visitors can be accommodated in a better apartment. This is the room for the public, for a number

28 in. on the addition, and contains 500 cubic feet of lumber, all ready to make
into an addition. This, though, is caused by the circumstance of the planch-

et-a-table, comprising a
kitchen and a long flat
pantry. The department accom-
panying contains one office
and 100 ft. of the Remond's
Balloon-cribbed Concrete
and steel, one office, 100 ft. of
the Remond's



Large and Com- modious Annex

Of 100 ft. long, 10
ft. wide, and 18 ft. high



Just why the many peculiar charms of Hotel Vendome are not more widely known to the tourist travelers who come to California for health or recreation is among the mysteries. They should be known, that's certain, and they are fast getting to be, as the seasons pass. Of the many hotels of this big State where the air is soft the whole winter through, Vendome is the only resting place which unites in attractive measure the advantages of rural life and city comforts.

Opportunities for Diversion

At the Vendome there are opportunities for rides everywhere, by electric cars or carriages, by bicycle or automobile, through as pretty a little city as the round world possesses. Opportunities are here, too, within five minutes' ride to walk among the blooming fruit orchards, to visit the far-famed Lick Observatory or the old Mission at Santa Clara. And close at hand, all about the Vendome, is a park in which the palms of the tropics and towering elms of New England brush their waving branches. And then, within fifty miles, and connected by three lines of railway, is San Francisco, metropolis of the Pacific Coast, ninth in population among the cities of the United

water, with its unique and comfortable atmosphere, the sun and a temper, envied by a pleasure-seeking people. At the advantage of health, of the location of a health, are for the guest at Vendome, where there's an "air" to the air and over all on all sides.

For Downright Enjoyment

By all tourists you know, by critics who have traveled the world's highway, the hotel is ranked among the best equipped, most hospitable and most popular. In structure the building is an inspiring structure of ~~modern~~ ^{modern} ~~art~~ ^{art} ~~style~~ ^{style}. Completely secluded it is, yet convenient to all the avenues of travel. It is one ~~detached~~ ^{detached} from the Southern Pacific railway depot, through which pass daily the express trains, going or coming ~~to~~ ^{or} from Los Angeles and the East. And for downright enjoyment the traveler cannot do better than to stop off here and see and realize all the happiness that is concentrated at Vendome for his especial benefit.

Wide verandas, a welcoming rotunda and assembly hall, old-fashioned fireplaces, ~~wide~~ ^{wide} corridors, reading-rooms, billiard parlors and elegantly furnished apartments are

few of the ~~many~~ attractions to be found at Hotel Vendome. There are guest rooms, mostly en suite, supplied with bath and other modern conveniences.

The hotel grounds are as picturesque as modern landscape gardening and Nature's own hand can make them. Here are giant oaks, redwoods, pines, palms, peppers, figs and flowering shrubs.

On the Venetian Grounds we know where abouts.

"The grounds immediately surrounding the building consist of an exquisite labyrinth of trees, and fragrant green lawns and bewitching sites of beauty. There a giant felled by more than a hundred years ago, buried in pasture, dead in repose, its trunk in the earth, the tree adorned by the fragrance, resounding in our ears, now clasps hand with parent's pepper, and no red coat, above him, court and companion, as though it had served the intended for the sole purpose."

Many are the sites of water from the fountains. Private fountains are only to those to possess an abode in a quiet, there being no regular slate to compare with the fountains. One that the referee's drive to the Observatory may be mentioned—the Alum Rock Spring, a mile away; Menlo Park and Stanford University, 18 miles through orchards and vineyards; Edenvale, one and a half miles away, Berryessa, the orchard district, 4 miles, the Santa Clara Mission and College, 5½ miles; the New Almaden mine, most extensive quicksilver mines in the world, 12 miles; the

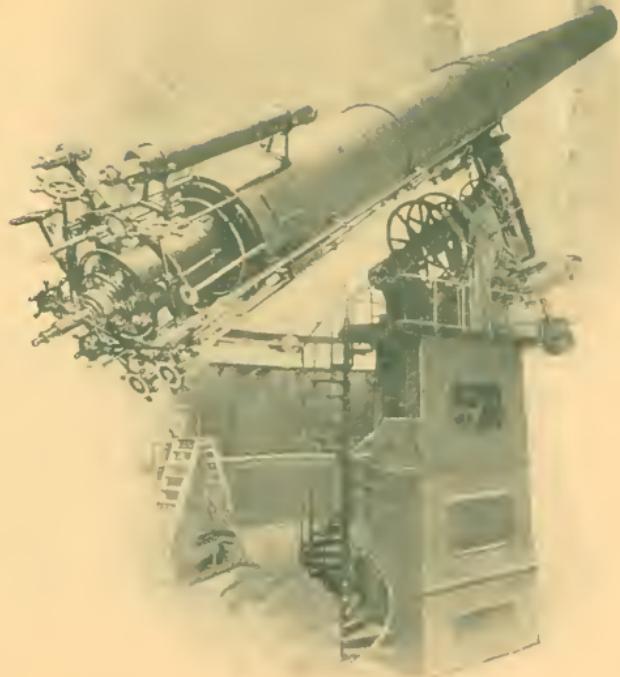


University of California and Lick Observatory, 16 miles west of San Jose, on the hill overlooking the valley, and the mountains to the west, including the dome of the Lick Observatory, 12,000 feet above sea level.

University of the Pacific, 1 mile; the Mission San Jose, 12 miles; Congress Spring, Saratoga, 12 miles, through fruit farms and vineyards.

The Great Lick Observatory

By reason of the bequest of James Lick, a California millionaire, there is now, on the summit of Mt. Hamilton, 12,000 feet above sea level, the greatest astronomical observatory in the world. One cannot appreciate what this statement means





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been made. The observatory is a part of the University of California, whose academic colleges are at Berkeley, across the bay from San Francisco. The reservation on Mt. Hamilton comprises 2581 acres, and many students come here for post-graduate courses. Speaking of this great telescope and the observatory work, Director Edward S. Holden says:

“Great instruments of this class require a serene and quiet air in order that they may do their best work. In this respect the Lick telescope is unrivaled. It stands on the very summit of Mt. Hamilton, in the Mt. Diablo range. From May till November the days and nights are clear, and during the whole summer the air is dry, the sun is not bright; the highest magnifying powers can be employed. No other observatory of the Sierra Nevada has such advantages; and all large observatories situated are more or less handicapped in this regard. The Lick Observatory is one of the very first ‘mountain’ observatories to be constructed, and has again it has the parent and maternal of a large number of smaller establishments in the same. Buildings now presented to such a situation have been



Accessories, have here, and you can thoroughly organize a Mt. Hamilton trip in a week.

A Soul-stirring Drive Over a Wonderful Mountain Road

The drive of 26 miles, from Hotel Venetian up to Mt. Hamilton's summit, is a never-to-be-forgotten event. There is not a better chance in all California to get a fair idea of the mountain valleys of the State, of the canyons, of tangled undergrowth, where the manzanita and chemisil rule the scene; of towering valley flats, dotted with spreading oaks. This is the sort of country Brer Hare describes, and it's all seen on this road up Mt. Hamilton to Lick Observatory.



The great dome is in plain view from the upper windows of the hotel, and at almost every turn of the road its white hemisphere glistens in the sunlight. The first four miles one speeds along a wide avenue across the floor of Santa Clara Valley, by fruit farms and vineyards. Then, a turn of the road begins the foothills, vine-clad and tree-covered.

A wonderful panorama begins to unfold, and at every turn a new view presents itself. The garden valley of the world lies at your feet, every foot of it under cultivation and thickly populated. The bay of San Francisco reaches out in





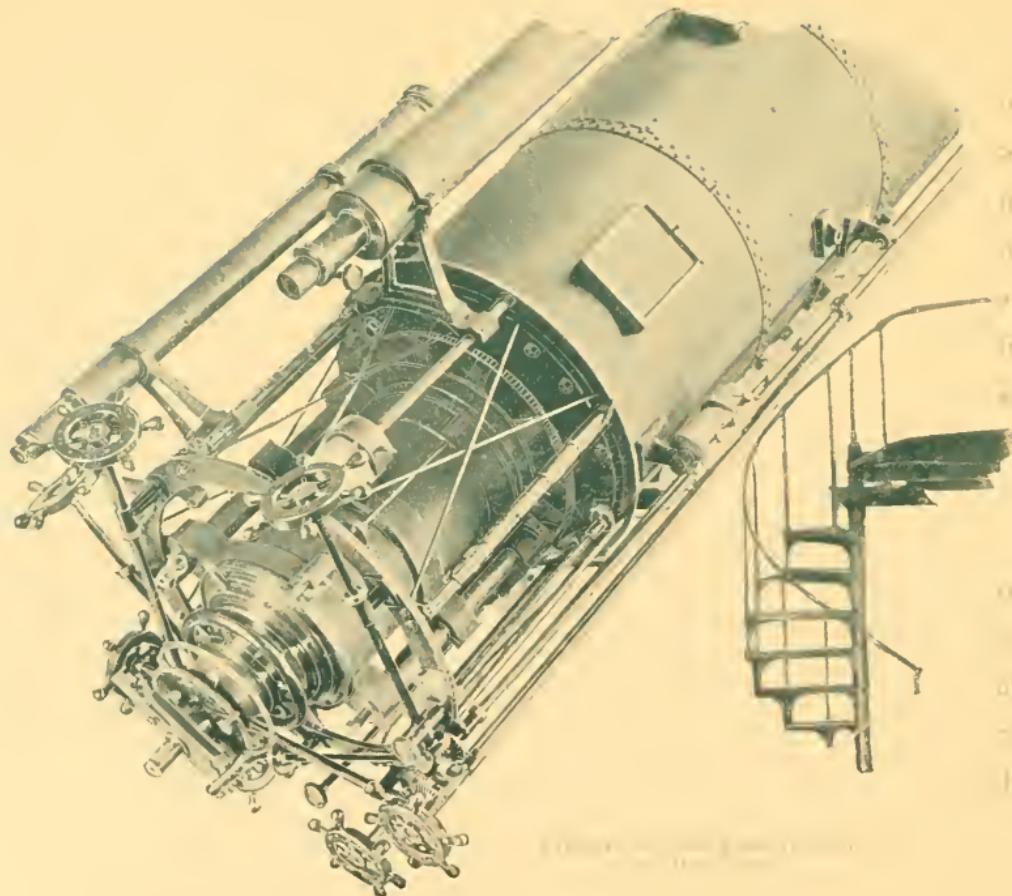
Stagecoach on the
Sierra Road.

shining arms, glinting like mirrors
in the sun. Across the valley the
Sierra Cruc Mountain forms a further
range, and proud Loma Prieta stands
guard to the coast. Above and
beyond are the slopes of Mt. Ham-
ilton and, at the top, the majestic
peak, the Look Out Mountain. The
wonderful miles of road was constructed at a
cost of \$8,000, and is one of the best graded as well as one of the most picturesque
roads in the world.

Breaking the monotony of climbing, a descent is made into Hall's Valley. The larger world is left behind you, and sylvan groves, rugged hills, sweet pastures and mountain fastnesses take its place. Up the mountain side again, around Cape Horn and into Santa Ysabel Canyon and the Hotel Santa Ysabel, at Smith's Creek, under the same management as Hotel Vendome, is the next and last stopping place on the way. Horses are changed while you have lunch. Sitting on the veranda at Santa Ysabel, the great dome looks but a little way up; one cannot imagine it seven miles of climbing. No accommodations of any kind can be obtained

Round the last turn
and the summit
is reached.





1000 mm. refractor

on the amateurish
drawing. You'll be
interested to see
what we've got.
Any time you
want to go into
details, write and
I'll send you a copy.
Hans von Brunn
Chicago, Ill.
August 20, 1916

Yours sincerely,

the achievement of science, is sufficient to fill the heart and to occupy the mind of the most intelligent and ambitious. Two or three hours can be profitably and pleasantly spent at the observatory, but the supreme moments of the trip are yet in store—the descent. The stage is ready. A crack of the whip and you are off for Smith's Creek, seven miles away by road and 2263 feet below. Rounding curve after curve, as only the experienced driver and the sure-footed horses can, in a moment clinging on the ledge hundreds of feet above the tree tops, the next curve between canyon walls that shut out the view of heaven. Santa Ysabel again—a change of horses and you are ready for the dozens of new wonders passed but now in the rear drive. So short seems the time between Santa Ysabel and home—that one can scarcely realize the height and distance covered.

San Jose and the Fruitful Santa Clara Valley

When, more than a century ago, the old Spaniards sought a suitable location near San Francisco Bay, they wisely selected the Santa Clara Valley, the situation of which is a veritable incubator so graphically portrayed by Bryant Parker, who deserves to be one of the very most popular writers in the world.

stretching southward from the bay for a distance of sixty miles with an average width of一万, the timbered mountains of Santa Cruz protect the city from the north winds of the west, while the picturesque Coast Range guards its entire length from the excessive heat of interior California. It is open to the cooling breezes of the Golden Gate. But lying beyond its reaches of summer fog—and here the climate found an ideal domain whose sunny skies rivaled those of Italy, and whose generous sun responded bountifully to those who cultivated it.

It is needless to say that a climate in which nearly all fruits are grown and in which the geranium and the rose bloom in the gardens all the winter through, and the palms are never touched by frost, is genial, invigorating and healthful. It is a climate in which the weak and ailing grow strong and robust, and the sunburnt, who





THE GOLF COURSE AT SANTA CRUZ.

and given up by his family physician, now recover and enjoy many years of life in robust and vigorous vigor. In the dry and invigorating atmosphere of the Santa Cruz mountains are many prosperous fruit growers who a few years ago suffered with pulmonary consumption terribly, and who have now not only recovered but

health, and all the comforts and pleasures of attractive surroundings and the privileges of a society that is as refined and desirable as that of any of the Eastern States or sections of the old world, for the reason that it is made up very largely from the best classes of Eastern and Southern people.

There is nothing enervating in the warmth of Santa Clara's summer sun, and the winters are open and delightful. According to the United States official report for a recent year San Jose has more clear days than any city in California, leading with 285 out of 365 days. Of the days not clear, nearly all are warm and comfortable. The rainfall averages 15 inches in the valley and 30 inches in the foothills, annually, and no long, cold and tedious storms make the winters dreary. The rains, during the six months of the winter season, are intermittent — a few days of warm rain followed by many days of glorious sunshin, and then another brief period of rainy weather.

Health Seeking and Out-of-Door Recreation

The mild and open winters make San Jose and Santa Clara Valley a highly desirable place of residence for health and outdoor enjoyment. Golf, tennis, and



For some time past, San Jose has been the center of a great deal of social life.

baseball, football, and various tournaments are all forms of royal outdoor recreation. Near San Jose is one of the rare and most picturesque gift spots in the State, the Linda Vista, a mountain-house with all comforts. The city is the center of 15 miles of smooth, sprinkled roads, and horseback riding, driving and wheeling are favorite winter as well as summer recreations. San Jose has one of the finest theaters in California, and it is on the circuit of all the leading dramatic companies. The long summer, the dry air, the beautiful streams and the picturesquely scenery



Prune orchard in bloom, as seen on the road to Lick Observatory

of the wooded mountains that are just at hand, all make camp life here one of the most delightful forms of recreation. The water is pure, wood abundant, trout and game plentiful; ferns, wild flowers and flowering shrubs bedeck ridges, canyons and mountain side, and the nights are just cool enough to give the camper sound and delicious slumber.





